to Gulf war have been stranded in the New Delhi Railway Station But it is a matter of fact that inspite of repeated writing to the department concerned, no action has been taken regarding the delivery of those commodities So, I request that the concerned department should take immediate action to make delivery of those items (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BRISHIN PATEL (Siwan) Mr Speaker, Sir, the previous Government had made an announcement in the House that every Member could recommend 15 telephone connections During the elections the Election Commission had banned implementation on this direction But after the elections the ban was lifted Now once again the present Minister-incharge has imposed a ban on it I would request you that the Members should not be deprived of such small rights I would like the hon Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications to clarify the position as it concerns the rights of the Members

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) There is no such ban There had been some irregularities during the tenure of my predecessor Shri Sanjay Singh who was the then Minister of Communications The vigilance report is still awaited I have already said that the practice would continue and there is no ban on it

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA (South Delhi) What type of irregularities were there?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT You know better than me

SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY (Ambala) I would like to submit Sir that I had raised this matter earlier also when you were in the Chair and I am raising it again Everybody knows that the murders in Punjab are not committed by the terrorists but by the police If the police is sent to Bihar or Orissa, crime and murders would come to an end in Punjab If this cannot be done Punjab Police should be divided in four zones

[*English*]

They think they are the Kings of Punjab and Haryana and they are responsible for these killings and murders

[*Translation*]

If this is not done, killings and terrorism will continue because the police will continue to help the terrorists If this is done, terrorism will be wiped out from the State

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh) Mr Speaker, Sir, the matter to which I want to draw the attention of the House, is of a very serious nature The Mandal Commission case is in the Supreme Court

MR SPEAKER That has already been taken up

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV It is a serious matter Not everything much has been taken up in this regard If you can give opportunity to six Members to speak about gold transactions we should also be given an opportunity I am saying this because this issue concerns the destiny of 52 per cent of the people in the country

MR SPEAKER Would you like to raise an important matter during zero hour

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV It is a very important issue today The way the case is being dealt in Supreme Court, it seems that the Government wants to plead the case half heartedly The Government is opposed to the backward classes and now it is evident from this case The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court along with five other Judges said that

the Government did not have a clear cut policy in this regard. The ruling party had proclaimed that they wanted to implement its manifesto *in toto*. On page 32 of the manifesto it has been categorically stated that they would make provision for reservation for those who are socially and educationally backward and work for their upliftment. While taking the credit of providing reservation to the backwards during the last 40 years they have said that they would implement it at the Centre also. I would request the ruling party to go through page 32 of its manifesto. On page 9 of the President's Address also...

MR. SPEAKER: If you do like that...

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: Sir, this is a very serious matter. *(Interruptions)*... Sir, you will have to listen to it. Please listen to me The Government Counsel said in the Supreme Court that the views of the Government had been expressed in the President's Address. There is no mention of Mandal Commission in the President's Address. *(Interruptions)*

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: It has not been mentioned. It has not been mentioned

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: Now as they are insisting on it, I would like to read out what is there on page 10 in the President's Address.

[English]

"Government is committed to special measures in favour of socially and educationally backward classes. In implementing these, preference will be given to the poorer sections among them."

[Translation]

and what they have mentioned in their manifesto. Please listen to this also.

[English]

"Congress Party is committed to undertaking special measures in favour of the socially and educationally backward classes, including reservations in jobs."

[Translation]

This has been completely left out in the President's Address and no mention has been made about reservation of jobs. Now they are saying that our stand on Mandal Commission is the same as has been expressed in the President's Address. But the Supreme Court has not accepted it and instead directed the Government that it should specifically mention the criterion for socially and educationally backward classes and whether it wants to include the economic criterion as well.

Sir, my charge is that this Government is anti backward class and it wants to change the entire reservation policy. Not only this, it wants to dilute the recommendations of Mandal Commission but dilute the reservation policy for SC and ST also and does not want to take a favourable stand on such a serious issue. It is trying to back out from the commitment made to the people.

MR. SPEAKER Now conclude...

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: I want to submit that by not pleading the case in a proper way they want that the Supreme Court should pass a verdict against the Mandal Commission so that they could get an excuse for not implementing it. That is why I was saying that it is a deliberate attempt because they do not want to implement it. We doubt their intentions.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to express my distress on this matter. Objecting to what a senior Member like Shri Yadav said, would not be appropriate. I just

want to express my feelings that the charges levelled against the Government in the surge of emotions is totally wrong. To say that we do not at all want to protect the interests and rights of the backward classes is not true. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to submit that if they can speak, they should be prepared to listen also.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Your intentions are bad They are not well intended

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: If you speak, you must be prepared to listen also. You cannot just go on speaking. I too have a right to speak Mr Speaker, Sir, it is totally wrong to say that the Government wants to overlook and neglect the interests of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and the backward classes including the policy of reservation of jobs for them. So far as Mandal Commission is concerned, I think the name figured just in the context. Is it necessary that when we speak of Reservation the name of Commission should be mentioned? (*Interruptions*) Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to ask the hon Members of the House whether Reservation cannot be done without the Mandal background (*Interruptions*) We are in favour of Reservation But we will do it in our own way. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: There is a case in Supreme Court about the implementation of Mandal Commission You should clarify your stand in the House (*Interruptions*)

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV Mr Speaker, Sir, the matter is related to Mandal Commission. (*Interruptions*) The case is before Supreme Court also. The Government does not want to clarify its stand. It is a matter of distress for us because the Government does not want to say anything on Mandal Commission. (*Interruptions*).

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: This is a basic issue. The Supreme Court of India is the highest judicial authority in this country. It has been so long hearing the constitutionality of the recommendations of the Mandal Commission which have been adopted by the V. P. Singh's Government to the extent of providing reservation for 27 per cent

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: It has not been properly adopted.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: After the new Government came, more than three weeks have elapsed The Supreme Court wanted to know what was the present Government's attitude to that 27 per cent reservation They said, we would like to know, if you are changing the policy, if you do not stick to that Notification, then there is no point in hearing the matter because the question of the validity of that Notification of the V. P Singh's Government was in question. Now, the Supreme Court wanted to know, they said, we would like to know what is the Government's policy?

Yesterday, this matter was raised. The hon Leader of the House said, yes, we need not say here what is to be done; what has to be said before the Supreme Court, we shall say. Now, what was said before the Supreme Court This is what the Judges said

> "They expressed displeasure at counsel making them to read the President's Address to Parliamentarians which does not indicate whether the government proposed to support or oppose the reservation policy introduced by the Janata Dal government."

Now, the Supreme Court said that. Therefore, still they are in the dark about the present Government's policy, which prompted the highest court

of the land to say, when you can frame your economic policies in three days, why can you not frame your reservation policy?

MR SPEAKER You are reading the extract of the judgment of the Supreme Court as given in the newspaper It is not correct

(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE What I am trying to point out is what was stated before the Supreme Court on behalf of the Government The Government should say whether this is correct or not

Mr Ahmad said as follows

'It was not an easy job to frame the policy on reservation as the government would have to consider the constitutional provisions while amending the memorandum for reservation"

Therefore the Government wants to amend the memorandum We would like to know how long the Government would take to decide Mr Arjun Singh said, there is no special fancy in the word Mandal' But the basic principle of the reservation as was notified by the previous Government are you accepting that or not? Why can you not say yes or no? This is the point

13.00 hrs.

The Government must make a categorical statement That is what we want *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER Let the members know that they cannot raise points of order at this point of time because whatever we are doing now is not provided in the rules and so you cannot raise a point of order when you are discussing like this That is one point.

The second point is, you have your own views You have expressed your views But, on the other hand, the other members also may have their views They may not have the opportunity to express their views and that is why one-sided picture is presented Now if you want to have any discussion on this point there are occasions on which you can do it Thus both the sides can express their views

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE This is a question of what transpired before the Supreme Court *(Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

MR SPEAKER Mr Sonkar Shastri please take your seat

SHRI RAINATH SONKAR SHASTRI (Saidpur) Sir fifty times I have been prevented from raising the issue

MR SPEAKER No please take your seat You are not allowed because I am on my feet

SHRI RAINATH SONKAR SHASTRI Sir if you so desire we are prepared to go out of the House

MR SPEAKER No you will have to sit down

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER Please listen I am trying only to protect you and to find time for you

(Interruptions)

SHRI RAINATH SONKAR SHASTRI You have disallowed me time and again Please protect me

MR SPEAKER I am trying my best Please be seated From this side Mr Sonkar wants to speak, but he can speak only if other Members allow him to speak and finish their speech I am trying for the same

[*English*]

You have to sit down, please. When I am talking you cannot stand up

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: I have been disallowed fifty times

MR SPEAKER Only when the other Members wind up their speeches, you can go on stream I am trying for the same

[*English*]

You can understand that one hour we have taken What I am trying to see is that all members get equal time Now, if you do not allow other members to speak, I do not have any instrument with me by which I can stop any member speaking from there So, please listen and cooperate with me It is in your interest I am not speaking from the benches over there Please, Sonkarji, I am trying to do exactly the same I am trying to find time for you You will have to cooperate and other members also have to cooperate Now, one hour we have taken for the matter which is not on the Agenda and the matter which is on the Agenda is side-tracked Now, it is in your own interest. I can understand your feelings I am not saying that you are wrong in expressing your views. But there are other members also That is why, allow me to help you to speak. Please allow the other members. The members who have expressed their views may not get up and allow the other members to speak They too have their point of view Shri Sonkar

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I have called Mr. Sonkar. I will call you afterwards, Mr. Anthony.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Though my notice was on some other issue, but the hon Minister has raised a more serious issue in the House During the last 10 years about 200 hours as I understand had been devoted to discussion on the Mandal Commission report. Sometimes the discussions on this issue had taken place upto 1 O' clock in the night Since the days of late Shrimati Indira Gandhi, the country had been longing for the implementation of Mandal Commission's recommendations Both the ruling party and the opposition parties in the House were in agreement that the report of the Mandal Commission should be implemented but owing to the certain changing circumstances the issue remained pending

MR. SPEAKER: What are you doing (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: The former Government implemented the Mandal Commission report, but today the hon Minister of Human Resource Development has categorically refused to (*Interruptions*) I am surprised to hear it

MR SPEAKER. You are giving a full speech.

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI The hon. Minister of Human Resource Development categorically stated in the House that the Mandal Commission's report in nothing and we will be implementing it in our own way. (*Interruptions*) Sir, the issue is very important for the crores of peope of the country and in protest against the statement of the hon Minister we stage a walk out (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: We are walking out as a protest

At this stage, Shri Chandra Jeet Yadav and some other honourable Members left the House.

13.05 hrs.